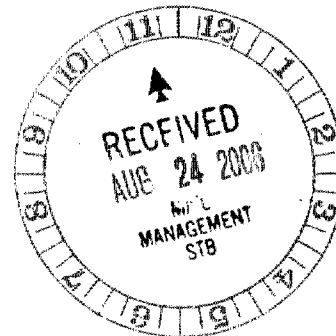


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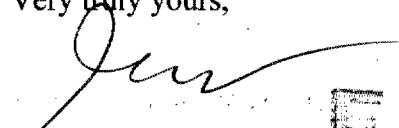
Dear Sir:

Please be advised that the City of Anniston is in active negotiations with Norfolk Southern Railway for acquisition of the corridor proposed for abandonment as above referenced. This is to request an extension of the 180 day negotiation period for the conversion of the above corridor which commenced March 4, 2006.

Norfolk Southern and the City of Anniston have engaged in good faith negotiations. Our negotiations have stalled over suitable appraisal services for valuation of the corridor, together with structural assessments required for these negotiations.

Norfolk Southern is aware of this request and advises that it will concur therewith by separate letter. Please enter the appropriate order granting this request for the negotiation process to go forward.

Very truly yours,


George A. Monk
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